| Update | Updates - Kristen Chalmers representative of the Steering Committee review of steering committee notes available in the google drive: <https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1EAxAWHJIl8qsK_2UzYyNR1-5t3bHuO-E>  -Please take a look at the information that was sent around to the full PARSE coalition listserv.  -Merger of OASAS and OMH - Article from steering committee notes. Please take a look at that article when you have a chance.  New PARSE Logo and Factsheet! Great tools for outreach.  1) Employer Outreach Subcommittee  -John Rork will be reaching out to many employers. Had a good conversation with the business council as well.  2) Labor Outreach Subcommittee  -Going to speak with the occupational health therapists in the network.  3) Symposium Planning, Funding, Legislation Subcommittee  -Looking for other funding opportunities and ways to outreach. More on the symposium later on in the meeting.  Join a subcommittee! Keeping spreading the word |
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| Letters to State Officials | **Governmental Support for PARSE efforts and symposium**  Letters to agencies  Letters sent last Thursday 6/30 so should be at their respective offices very soon! |
| NYSDOH, Bureau of Drug User Health | **Harm Reduction and Work with PARSE**  -Allan Clear, NYS Director Office of Drug User Health.  -This topic is not being discussed in the way that we are discussing it here. We need to continue to bring the conversation to life. And we need to bring folks with lived experience into the conversation.  -State Department of Health naloxone program one of the biggest in the world. Syringe exchange programs as well. The office is able to reach people where they are at. It is about care, support, medical care, a support system for folks who are using substances.  -How do we best support people? Employment is part of that support. We need to work to support individuals in their personal journey.  -Happy to help work this through DOH. |
| IUOE Local 825 | **Member Assistance Program**  -Easy in the industry to turn to substance use.  -Operating Engineers took a proactive approach. We are over 8200 workers with over 2000 signatory companies those workers work for.  -After several years of union experience, Chris found that there was a need for peer support resources in this workplace. Kyle Zimmer developed a program to create peer support. Chris and Kyle have begun to set up these peer support networks all throughout these unions since 2018.  -Created a brochure and a decal that shows there is support. The decals are in the machines that engineers operate and can be put on the worker’s hard hats. Meeting folks where they are at. |
| LEAF Council on Alcoholism and Addictions | **ARC recovery-to-work ecosystem**  Julie Dostal, Lead Council on Alcohol and Addiction.  -Working on the Recovery-to-Work Ecosystem.  -All of this in the framework of evidence based practice, economic development, cultural sensitivity, healthy workplaces.  -They did a survey of 200 businesses. Managers, supervisors, and CEOs spend about 39% of their time on employee wellness concerns (more info in slides).  -To solve this issue folks wanted communication, team buildings, soft skills development, and stress reduction management support.  -Managers wanted peer support, pain management, health workshops, and  -Managers also think it is extremely important to address the concerns raised by the opioid crisis.  -This work should be super beneficial for both the business and the worker.  Link to white paper: <http://theagency-ny.com/manage/storage/uploads/00000001747.pdf> |
| Anchor Recovery Center | **How to approach employers about Recovery Supportive Workplace**  -Frontline employer partnership- a coalition of folks in the Watertown, NY area. Nonprofits, business, recovery support, etc.  -30 employers who are on board with hiring folks in recovery - John and his partner are very boots on the ground. There is a lot of follow up that is happening with their work with the employer and the employee.  -Anchor Recovery is explaining the tax credits and bond programs for employers along with the support that Anchor Recovery provides as well.  -This coalition needs to focus on creating simplicity for the employers. It needs to be hands on, easy to understand, and user friendly. |
| Recovery Center of Excellence | **Addressing stigma in the workplace and community**  -Tedra Cobb - Recovery Center for Excellence <https://recoverycenterofexcellence.org/learn/stigma>  -Tedra facilitates train the trainer workshops on stigma.  -Focus area is not just employers. Can be any community in Appalachia.  -Use the interviews and art to open up conversation around loss and grief, trauma, experiences that unite us all.  -The idea is not to have an academic conversation about stigma but rather to bring folks of all different backgrounds to the table to discuss stigma and bridge the gap between folks. |
| Open Discussion | Please write questions or comments in the chat box or raise your hand to make a brief comment. Questions:   1. Do you have ideas on how we can expand PARSE?    1. Folks with disabilities. Perhaps a partnership with OPWDD.    2. Are we utilizing social media platforms to raise awareness about PARSE? 2. Will you solicit your organization to endorse PARSE? 3. Do you have ideas for the symposium speakers/ workshops? 4. Do you have ideas for funding for PARSE?   -Something we are thinking about: Who ends up being the administrative backbone for this work?  -Reached out to LAPAA - resources to create model legislation. The meeting is Thursday July 7th, 2pm.  -Interested in a national speaker? Dr. Bennett who helped with the putting together the data for LEAF Council.  -Speakers on the Opioid Settlement Board? Maybe Stephanie Marquesano.  -Need to get a letter to the Opioid Settlement Board.  -Must set a date and location for the symposium so we can get some information out there.  -Present on PARSE at a job fair on July 28th. Connect with Nydia to learn more. |
| Summary and Next Steps | Keep up the outreach!  If you are interested in joining a steering committee please email Allison, Ben, or Jonathan.  **Next meeting date, Tuesday, August 11th, 3:00 to 4:30 PM** |